

LINGUA INGLESE 259
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DIPARTIMENTO DI INGEGNERIA E ARCHITETTURA
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CFU: 3
Duration: 24 hours

Objectives

Lingua Inglese 259 is a course designed to comply with B2 CEFR level (Upper-Intermediate) requirements. In this regard, it aims to provide students with the following cognitive skills and abilities:

- Preparation for a verbal exchange of ideas with fluidity and spontaneity particularly in the field of professional specialization.
- Ability to understand the main ideas of complex texts on concrete or abstract topics, including technical discussions in the area of the student's domain.
- Ability for the written creation of texts concerning the academic and professional field of engineering with clarity and meticulousness.

Prerequisites:

English B1 approved

Contents

The twenty-four-hour course is divided into three teaching modules.

- Module 1. (7 hours). Oral language: Phonology, morphology, syntax and semantics of the English language with emphasis on the difficulties found by the native Italian speaker.
Some examples: In oral language: False homophony derived from an inadequate pronunciation (flash / flesh; tin / thin). Tips for improvement will be discussed.
In morphology: Use of phrasal verbs common in today's language and in technical texts.
In syntax: Understanding and production of complex structures such as noun phrases with multiple adjectives.
In semantics: Most common *faux amis* for the Italian speaking student.

- Module 2. (8 hours). Understanding and analysing of the main ideas of complex texts such as articles in the field(s) of Engineering with discussion and exchange of ideas in the classroom.
- Module 3. (9 hours). Basic instructions for the written creation of useful texts in the working field of the future professional. Specific emphasis in the preparation of curricula and *résumés*, presentations of communications in conferences, production of academic articles, dissertation thesis.

Evaluation: At the end of the course the student will obtain a Pass/Fail (Approved/Non Approved) based on a written multiple-choice exam. At the end of each module, examples of multiple-choice questions based on the module's content will be provided.

Recommended books

The best grammar workbook ever. Arlene Miller. Bigwords101. 2015.

For who the bell tolls. David Marsh. Guardian Faber Publishing. 2013.

Professional English in Use. Engineering. Technical English for professionals. Mark Ibbotson. Cambridge University Press. 2011.

Cambridge English for Engineering. Mark Ibbotson. Cambridge University Press. 2012.

Collins Webster's Easy Learning Writing. HarperCollins Publisher. 2011.

Useful online tools

wordreference.com (as a dictionary and also to give you an idea of the diversity of the pronunciation of the English language in the world).

englishclub.com (to acquire new vocabulary and practice idioms).

grammarly.com (for an initial grammatical correction. Use the free version).

google.translate (this support gives you an idea of your own pronunciation).